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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON PROPOSAL FOR U.N. FORCES IN SOUTH  
LEBANON

1. ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS CARRIED BASICALLY SIMILAR REACTIONS  
MARCH 1 TO THE LEBANESE SUGGESTION THAT U.N. FORCES BE  
POSTED IN SOUTH LEBANON. THEY CITED OFFICIALS OR SOURCES  
IN JERUSALEM AS SUGGESTING THAT ISRAEL PREFERS THAT AN  
ALL-LEBANESE FORCE TAKE UP PRESENCE IN THE AREA. ONE  
SOURCE TOLD HAARETZ (GOLAN) THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR DIS-  
CUSSION OF THE PROPOSAL, IMPLYING THAT ISRAEL AND LEBANON  
WOULD HAVE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION;  
IN THIS CONTEXT, HAARETZ MENTIONED FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S  
SUGGESTION TO SECRETARY VANCE DURING HIS RECENT TRIP THAT  
SOME KIND OF INTERIM AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING MIGHT BE  
WORKED OUT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON. MAARIV'S  
SOURCE REFERRED TO THE SAME POINT, AND ADDED THAT  
ISRAEL WILL MOST CERTAINLY REJECT ANY BID TO WIDEN  
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THE AREA OCCUPIED BY AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE ON  
EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER.

2. ON MARCH 2 THE JERUSALEM POST HAD A FRONT-PAGE  
STORY HEADLINED "LITTLE POINT SEEN IN CREATING U.N.  
FORCE FOR LEBANESE BORDER" (BYLINES DIPLOMATIC  
CORRESPONDENT LANDAU AND MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

GOODMAN). LONG EXCERPT FROM THIS ARTICLE BY SEPTTEL.

3. ALSO ON MARCH 2 HAARETZ (GOLAN) REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN WILL DISCUSS IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH LEBANON, INCLUDING CLARIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE STATIONING OF U.N. FORCES ALONG THE LEBANON-ISRAEL BORDER. ISRAEL IS SAID TO BE OPPOSED TO THE PRESENCE OF U.N. FORCES ON THE BORDER, "REGARDLESS OF THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION," AND CONCERNED THAT SUCH U.N. PRESENCE WOULD LIMIT ISRAELI ABILITY TO REACT AGAINST TERRORIST INCURSIONS FROM SOUTH LEBANON. NEVERTHELESS, ISRAEL DOES NOT CATEGORICALLY REJECT THE IDEA BECAUSE DOING SO WOULD CAUSE NEGATIVE REACTION FROM ALL SIDES.

4. GOLAN ALSO REPEATED STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER PERES MARCH 1 IN AN IDF RADIO INTERVIEW, SAYING THAT HE PREFERRED LEBANESE FORCES TO THOSE OF THE U.N. IN SOUTH LEBANON. THE FUNCTION OF U.N. FORCES IS TO REPORT ON THE SITUATION (IN A GIVEN AREA), NOT TO CALM IT DOWN, PERES SAID.

5. DAVAR EDITORIALIZES MARCH 2 ON A THEME ECHOED ELSEWHERE IN THE LOCAL MEDIA--THAT THERE IS NOT YET ANY REASON FOR THE GOI TO REACT TO THE IDEA OF USING U.N. FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL PROPOSAL FROM LEBANON, BUT ONLY A TRIAL BALLOON, DAVAR ADVISES ITS READERSHIP OF "POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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